

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

1. (currently and previously amended) A glove for use while eating, comprising:

a wrist portion;

a palm portion;

a finger portion, having a plurality of fingers, wherein each of the fingers has a finger tip that is opposite from the wrist portion, and wherein the wrist portion, palm portion, and finger portion together create a continuous interior which accommodates a human hand that extends to the finger tips; and

a pocket having a front panel, a rear panel, a bottom seam and a top opening, wherein the rear panel attaches to the fingers and extends across the palm portion, the bottom seam extends across the palm portion and the top opening extends across the finger tips, and wherein the pocket ~~envelops at least one of the fingers and~~ accommodates a food item which is partially exposed at the top opening.

2. (previously amended) The glove as recited in claim 1, wherein the top opening extends immediately below at least two of the finger tips.

3. (previously amended) The glove as recited in claim 1-2, wherein the finger portion has five fingers.

4. (previously amended) The glove as recited in claim 3, further comprising a skirt that circumferentially extends around the wrist portion below the pocket and catches any falling food debris.

5. (previously amended) A method of eating a food item using a the glove as recited in claim 4, comprising the steps of:

inserting the hand into the glove and extending it up to the finger tips;

placing the food item inside the pocket;

grasping the food item with the hand while it remains inside the pocket;

exposing a portion of the food item at the top opening; and

eating a portion of the food item while the uneaten portion of the food item remains inside the pocket.

6. (previously amended) The method of eating a food item as recited in claim 5, wherein the step of eating a portion of the food item is followed by a step of removing the glove from the hand by grasping the wrist portion and turning the glove inside out to envelop the pocket and any uneaten food item contained therein.

7. (previously amended) The method of eating a food item as recited in claim 6, wherein the step of eating a portion of the food item further comprises the step of utilizing the skirt to catch any falling food debris.